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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Boudnik et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0051186).

Regarding claim 1:

Boudnik discloses a computer implemented method of automatic software testing comprising: storing status information of a software test running on a test system to a common information point (abstract, fig. 1, unit 110); reinitializing an operating system on said test system (page 7, section 0076); querying said common information point to determine said status information (page 7, section 0076-0077, fig. 4, 406, 410); and resuming said software test (page 7, section 0076, fig. 8, unit 806, 808).

Regarding claim 8:

Boudnik discloses a computer implemented method of automatic software testing comprising: installing test driver software on a plurality of test systems (fig. 6, unit 508); providing a mapping of a plurality of virtual test system names to real test system names to said test driver software (fig. 6, fig. 5, unit 500); and gathering test results from said plurality of test systems (fig. 4).

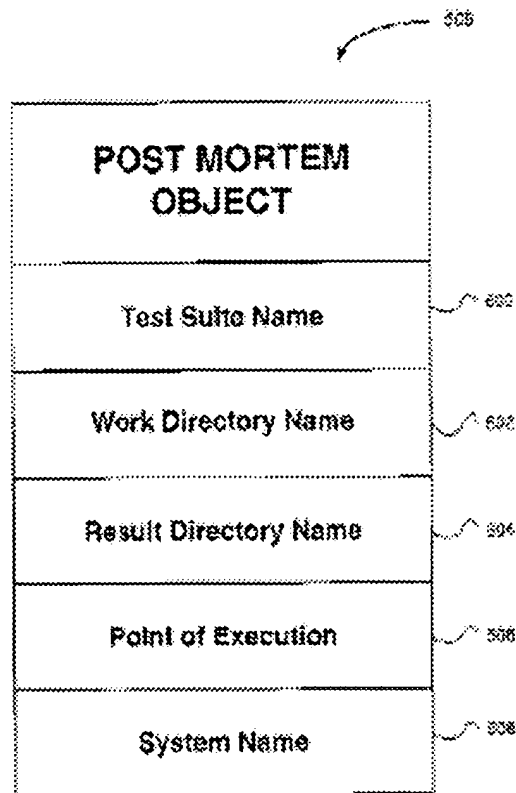


FIG. 6

Regarding claim 14:

Boudnik discloses a computer system for automatic software testing comprising: a test master computer system (fig. 1, unit 108); a plurality of test computer systems communicatively coupled to said test master computer system (fig. 1, unit 114); a common information point communicatively coupled to said test master computer system and to said plurality of test computer systems (fig. 1, unit 114); said test master computer system for installing a test driver on each of said plurality of test computer systems (fig. 1, unit 116); at least one of said plurality of test computer systems for storing status information of a software test (fig. 2, unit 116) running on said at least one of said plurality of test computer

systems to said common information reinitializing an operating system on said at least one of said plurality of test computer systems (page 7, section 0076); querying said common information point to determine said status information; and resuming said software test (page 7, section 0076, fig. 4).

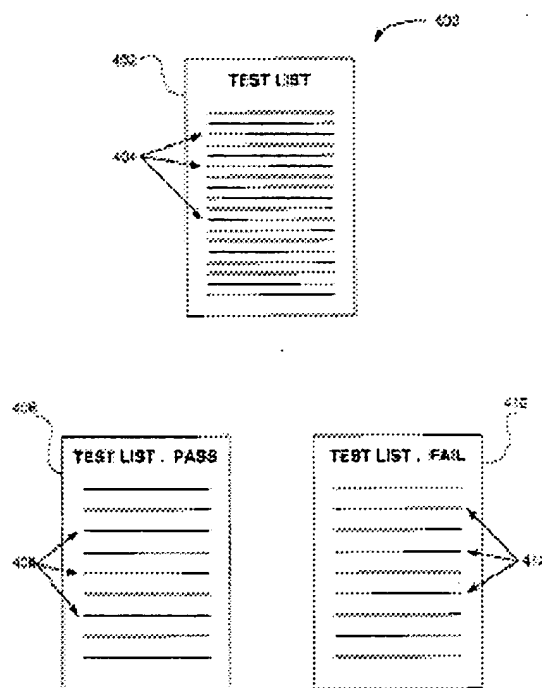


FIG. 4

Regarding claims 2, 9, Boudnik discloses common point to run the test (fig. 1, unit 108); Regarding claims 3, 16, Boudnik discloses reinitializing under software control (page 7, section 0076); Regarding claims 4, 17, Boudnik discloses startup process initial by operating system (fig. 8, unit 802, 808); Regarding claim 5, Boudnik discloses identification of test completed (fig. 4, unit 406, 410);

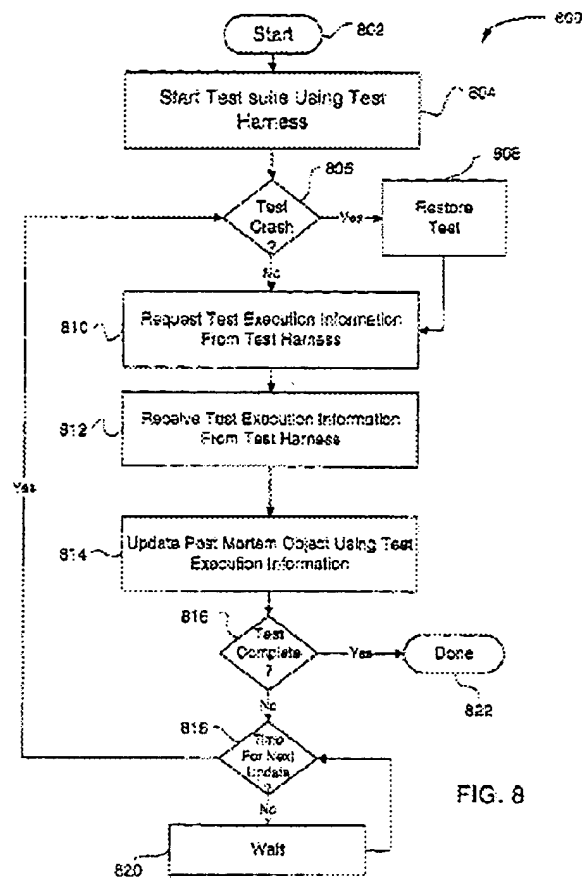
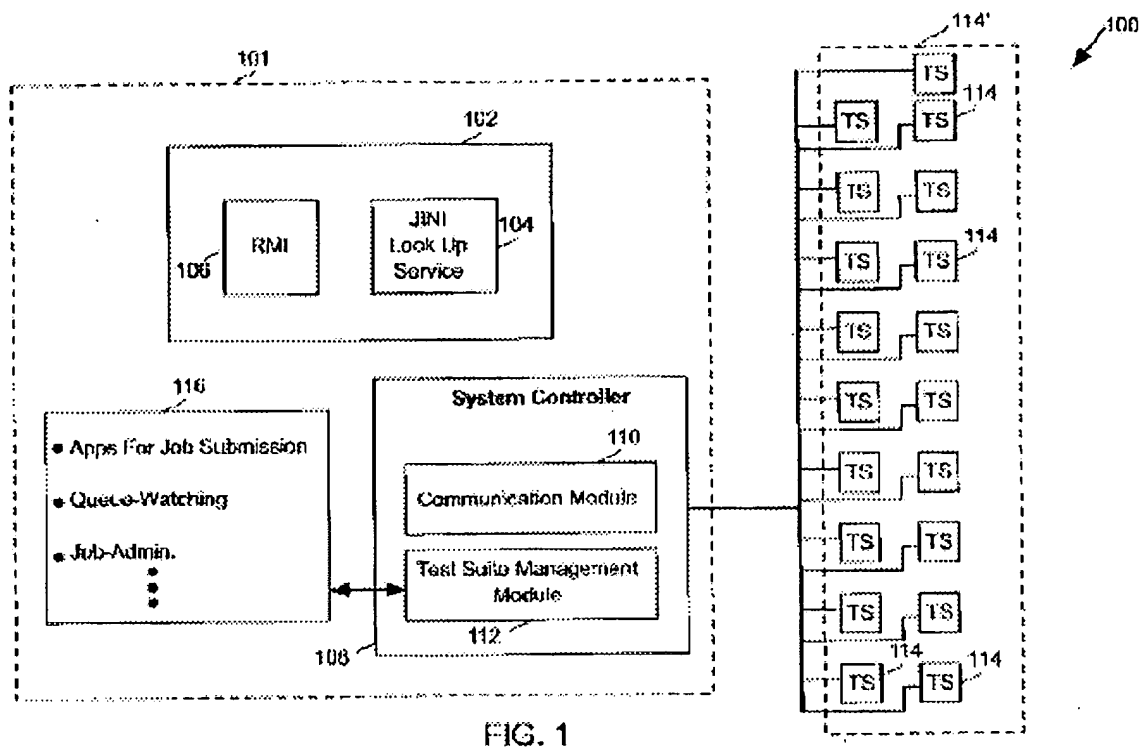


FIG. 8

Regarding claim 6, Boudnik discloses resuming restarts points to last portion completer (page 7, section 0077, fig. 4); Regarding claims 7, 20, Boudnik discloses test system running a different operating system reinitializing (fig. 2, unit 114a-114d, 108, page 7, section 0077); Regarding claim 10, Boudnik discloses result are gathered common point (fig. 2, unit 108); Regarding claim 11, Boudnik discloses mapping resides on common pint of information (fig. 2, unit 114a-aa4d, fig. 3, unit 104).



Regarding claim 12, Boudnik discloses common point of information is a network file system mount point common on all test system (fig. 3, unit 104, 108);

Regarding claim 13, Boudnik discloses start up a process (fig. 8, unit 802);

Regarding claim 15, Boudnik discloses master computer is distinct from test computer system (fig. 2, unit 108, 114a-114d); Regarding claim 18, Boudnik discloses status information portion of test completed (fig. 4, unit 408, 412);

Regarding claim 19, Boudnik discloses resuming restarts to last portion completed (fig. 4, unit 408, 412, page 7, section 0076).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tung S Lau whose telephone number is 571-272-2274. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5:30. If attempts to

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reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Barlow can be reached on 571-272-2269. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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